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TOLERATION OF THE AGE.

It is a general opinion that the present is an age of great toleration and christian forbearance. Is it so? No doubt there is some progress in the principles of toleration, or, perhaps, it would be better to say, there is much amelioration in the practical operations of Intolerance. The stake, and the scaffold, are not now so much in use as they were many years since, when the stronger parties were accustomed to silence their opponents by visiting them with bodily suffering and loss of life. But the principle which prompted mankind in those days, is still lurking among us. The claws and the tusks of the persecuting tiger may have been cut away; but the spirit which would use them, if these were still there, is yet alive, and often makes itself manifest against those who may dare to think in a different manner, and to draw practical conclusions wholly opposite, though it be upon the same subject. As a writer some years ago observed, "whoever cannot look upon the most opposite faith and opinions of his neighbor in religion, in politics and the ordinary concerns of life, without any feeling of temper and bitterness in view of that difference, is in heart and spirit intolerant."

The change of action which this spirit is subject to, may not be so full of misery as it used to be, when the blood of the offending party was required to expiate the sin of daring to think differently from your neighbor, especially in religious matters; but it is still active and seeks to keep up an advantage indirectly, by the aid of the press—by subjugating the ballot box to its sway, and by hedging up the avenues of social life so as to preclude those who indulge in sentiments foreign to those who would square every man's ideas upon the various topics of religion, politics and the common concern of life, with his own notions.

The same writer very aptly observes that "the whole world is divided into millions of little parties and sects, often finding the bitterest germs of contention in the smallest differences."

Scarcely one in ten thousand of all these sects and parties, has real philosophic magnanimity enough to perceive that all other men have as much claim for indulgences to their opinions as he expects for his own."

We can hardly take up a religious or political paper without finding the imprint of intolerance about it; and though, as we have before observed, there is not so much personal, bodily suffering inflicted at old, there is full as much bitterness of invective and severity of reproach and remark, as in the days when they roared the body of a heretic for the good of his soul; and if it dared, would, probably, in the course of a few years, act with as high and strong a hand as it ever did. We thought that thirty years of peace had so tamed mankind that they began to approximate to the real character of christians, and that most of the swords had been beaten into ploughshares, and all the spears into pruning hooks; but we can see how mistaken we were.

The spirit had become dormant, but by no means dead. So it is with the intolerant spirit. It is not dead, and has only relinquished the sanguinary tools with which it used to kill the body of its victim, and taken up those of a conventional character, and which act upon his reputation and property in that kind of indirect, uncometatable way by which it may itself be secure of danger, while it stalks an opponent in some tender point, to the great detriment of his character, business or purse.

All the intolerant are not dead yet. They are merely reposing, and need to be watched, lest they wake up as angry and remorseless as of old.

Tobacco. In Spain the government has rendered tobacco a very lucrative source of revenue. In fact, it has reserved to itself the entire right of disposing of it. To the government, in its perfectly prepared state, the cost is about two reals, or five pence per pound, and is disposed of to the consumer at the exorbitant price of fifty reals, or ten shillings per pound. Smoking forms the chief, and, perhaps, the only excess of the Spaniard. He is rarely seen intoxicated. The wines of Spain are remarkably high, and he is frequently unable to indulge even in them. But every male smokes. "The general, the soldier, the judge, the criminal, and even the lover breathes out all the tenderness of his amorous soul in puffs of the genuine Havana. In short, it is as natural to expect smoke from the mouth of a Spaniard as from the top of a tavern chimney."

Of the cigars used by the Dons, those from the Havana are preferred as being more aromatic, and these often cost as much as sixpence a piece. Smoking, consequently, when excessively indulged, is rather a costly gratification in Spain.

The Inquisition—Olavide. There are few, perhaps, who have not heard of the bloody torments of the Spanish Inquisition. This ghostly court was held in building, formerly occupied as a college by the Jesuits—the most able and enlightened, but the most dangerous of the orders of the church of Rome. Its horrors, have, of late years, greatly abated, and executions are now comparatively rare. The last victim in Seville was Olavide, a person of much respectability, who had passed many years of his useful life in the provinces of South America, and who beneficially applied the wealth he had there amassed, to the improvement of the Sierra Morena, and to the adorning and improvement of the public works.

He had, however, read the productions of some of the French unbelievers, and was suspected of having imbibed their peculiar tenets. On this charge, unproved, if not unfounded, he was incarcerated within the walls of the Inquisition, where he passed many years of his life in solitary confinement.

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ST. JOHN'S DAY IN WINTHROP.

The United Brothers' Division of the Sons of Temperance in Winthrop, held a celebration on the 24th. Almost the whole week previous had been excessively rainy, but it cleared off on that morning and they had one of the most delightful days that has been during this season. The muddy condition of the roads prevented many from the adjoining towns from uniting with them in their festivities. A procession was formed at the Hall by the Brethren of that and other Divisions, and by the citizens, preceded by members of the Augusta Brass Band, by whose music they marched to Mr. Thurston's Meeting House. The address was delivered by Bro. S. B. Weston of Gardiner, Editor of the Fountain, and was an excellent performance. An anthem and several hymns appropriate to the occasion, were performed by the Augusta Glee Club.

After the exercises at the church were over, the procession, including the ladies, was again formed, which proceeded to a large and commodious pavilion, fitted up in a neat and convenient style, and where an excellent collation was provided by Bro. Gaslin, who, with his lady, is deserving much credit for the supply of the many really good things with which the festive board was crowned. After the dinner several regular toasts were offered, accompanied with music from the Band, and followed with volunteer sentiments from many of the guests. The Glee Club enlivened the festivities by their admirable songs, and they broke up with great harmony, every one well pleased with the enjoyment of the day. We have never attended a celebration where we found so much to approve and so little to condemn.

The Glee Club gave a grand concert in the evening, which was very fully attended.—They never sang better, and although always welcome, they never gave more pleasure and satisfaction to their friends and the good people of Winthrop, than on this occasion. They entered right into the spirit of the occasion, as a band of brothers, and left with many a blessing on their heads.

It gives us pleasure to see the prosperity which attends the Order of the Sons of Temperance. It is founded on the principle of abstaining from all that intoxicates, and of affording material aid in adversity. It was commenced by a few devoted individuals in New York, in 1840, and has since spread throughout the whole length and breadth of the nation, numbering more than one hundred thousand members.

THE DEAD SEA.

Professor Lee, the geologist, in an able article furnished by him for the Biblical Repository, remarks that the strongest saline spring in New York State, is the Liverpool well near Syracuse. Of the waters of this spring, the specific gravity, according to Dr. L., is only 1,114, while that of the waters of the celebrated Dead Sea is 1,211. He furthermore asserts that 1000 grains of dry solid matter, "while those of the latter yield 41 per cent, when the residuum is dried with a temperature of 150° Fahrenheit." The following table shows the comparative strength of the waters of the Dead Sea, and the saline springs of the United States, rejecting the magnesia and other earthly ingredients:

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| Dead Sea, | 33 gallons give 1 bushel salt; |
| At Onondaga, | 45 " |
| Muskingum, | 50 " |
| Winooski, | 60 " |
| Grand River, (Ark.) | 80 " |
| Kenswa, (Va.) | 75 " |
| Zanesville, | 95 " |
| Bon's Creek, | 450 " |
| Shawneetown, (Ill.) | 280 " |
| Jackson, (Ohio) | 213 " |

It has been asserted, and the assertion is reiterated by Professor Lee, that the Dead Sea contains no fish or animals of any description; yet Dr. Shaw, the celebrated oriental traveler, informs us that the monks of St. Saba informed him that they had seen fish taken in its waters, and Mous. Chateaubriand states that on hearing a noise on the lake at night, he was told by the people of Bethlehem, of whom he inquired the cause, that "it proceeded from legions of small fish which come and leap about on the shore."

While at Jerusalem, Pococke was told of a missionary, resident in that vicinity, who had seen fish in the lake. Suizen, Maundrel, Hazzlehurst, and other travellers, have gleaned shells on the shores.

The tradition that "no bird can fly over its waters," is of a piece with the thousand other legends of a superstitious nature which the credulous circulate concerning the remarkable places and antiquities of the "holy land." Stephens, an intelligent writer and a close observer, says, in his interesting work, that "he saw a flock of gulls quietly reposing on its surface, and that, when roused with a stone, they flew down the lake, skimming its surface, until they had carried themselves out of sight."

Speaking of this sea, Mons. Chateaubriand, a devout and credulous Catholic, observes:

"It appears brilliant, but the guilty cities entombed in its bosom appear to have poisoned its waters. Its solitary abysses cannot afford nourishment to any living creature; never did vessel eat its waves; its shores are without birds, without trees, without verdure, and its waters excessively bitter, and so heavy that the most impudent winds can scarcely ruffle their surface."

Theologians. "Mere theologians," remarks Jean Paul, "are the narrowest of all egoists; they make God the free servant of their petty parish, and imagine that eclipses of the sun are sent only to shade and cool them on their way to church." Jean Paul, we opine, was more than half right. If there is a truly despicable character in existence, it is your "mere" theologian, whose only aim is to establish some creed or tenet, without practising the virtues which he professes so loudly to extol. Such are generally the dupes or slaves of prejudice, which is nothing more nor less than belief without examination and comparison of the opposite views upon any question.

A Sound Hit. It is said of the impudent but versatile and talented Elizabeth of England, that she once asked a plain spoken question the question—"what is a man thinking of when he thinks of nothing?" "A woman, your Majesty," was the sarcastic reply. "but although wit sometimes makes a stupid man merry, it always keeps him poor."

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HORRID STATE OF THE IRISH.

We copy the following heart-sickening letter from the Boston Traveller, written by G. Whittier, and published in the Washington National Era, with which journal he is connected, will be found interesting to many at this time.

Again I am compelled to write about famine, disease and death in Ireland. The picture that I shall hold up to your view is a grisly one; far exceeding in its vividness and horror anything that the pen of the romancer has ever produced. But these realities, dreadful as they are, should be known, that some moral lesson may be learned by those persons who are not struck by famine and disease, and who enjoy all the good things of life without fully appreciating such blessings.

It is acknowledged that the reports from every part of Ireland have recently been more gloomy than those of any single week since the first heart-rending cry of starvation was heard in that land of misery. It is said that death is mowing down the poor in all directions, and the affluent are falling in numbers far above the proportion with which the regular army, which was the entire defeat of its regular army, Spain seemed lost beyond recovery. Horna, Minia, Porlier, and Marquesito, were distinguished as Guerrilla leaders.—"Vengeance or death!" was the Guerrilla motto. During their five years' contest with the French, horrible massacres of prisoners, and non-combatants of the Government of Joseph Bonaparte, took place; and at Oporto and Coimbra the French sick and wounded were murdered in the hospitals. Every physician cast aside his scalpel, and every surgeon, lay his rivellet, or woody sierra, sharpened to the hilt, and with the ferocious peasant soldiers. All over Spain, from Cadiz to Pamplona, from Granada to Salamanca, blood was shed daily, and without mercy. Small garrisons, left in charge of captured villages, were often assassinated by the inhabitants, among whom they were quartered. The fanaticism of revenge seized upon all classes; young and beautiful Spanish women invited the gay and pleasure-loving French officers to their dwellings, and when with pointed wings, to establish them in their chambers—acting over the terrible scene of Judith in the tent of Holofernes.

Still later, in 1823, in the struggle between the French, in alliance with the ultra-royalists and monks, and the constitutionalists, a Guerrilla war was carried on by both parties. The celebrated Mina, and the devoted patriot Diego, maintained in this way a long contest with a force overwhelmingly superior, in the presence of a population which numbered 10,000,000. This alarmingly new element was introduced in the progress of fever, which invests the present state of the country with a new and startling character. The fever is said to be incurable when it once attacks a person—medicine and nutriment are equally unavailable! This alarming intelligence is founded upon two letters—one written by a captain of the royal army, and another by a disting. surgeon. The former says that he is well accustomed to this form of distress, that he knows it as soon as he sees the pauper. Their swollen legs are the inevitable precursors of death, of which they are themselves wholly unconscious. "When I say to them, prepare for the other world, they appear surprised. In a few days I hear of their death." The physician states that the disease at first is diarrhoea; the appetite is gone, with a loss of weight. The sufferer is drawn in the face and feet; the eyes become bright and glassy; the lips and cheeks are bloodless. The intellect remains clear, but all energy is gone. The third stage is the hospital or hotel; and the last—death! This physician further states that once the patient becomes bloated and sallow—and he rarely applies for advice or aid till he is so—and his doom is sealed. Medicine and nutriment palliate—they may for a time sustain the fever, but at last, with terrible certainty, the fatal physician dies.

The fourth physician sends the following gloomy report: "Dire want and dreadful suffering still prevail. The ravages of famine are scarcely checked, and the progress of disease is not less mortal than before. The bodies of the dead are left to be disposed of by packs of fawned dogs—purposely, perhaps, to prevent the spread of pestilence."

Under bidding. The German ship-keepers who have recently come over, offer to work for fifty cents per day, while our countrymen ask two dollars. They'll soon learn to "strike for higher wages."

GETTING WISER. The Postmaster General has ordered his deputies to forward, without being pre-paid, all newspapers coming direct from the office of publication.

DON'T FLOUNCE. One of the "fashion journals" states that flounces are no longer worn in Paris.

CAFE OF GOOD HOPE COTTON. Experiments in the growing of cotton on the Cape of Good Hope, at a place called Natal, have been very successful.

CROPS IN EUROPE. The reports from England and Ireland of the prospect of crops are very good; also those on the continent.

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GUERRILLA FIGHTING. In new thing to the older class of the Mexican rancheros. Many of them can tell tales of the old war for Mexican independence, when, under Hidalgo, Morelos, Guerrero, and Victoria, the forces of the Viceroys of Spain; and unless a merciful Providence interposes to arrest the war we are now waging with a semi-barbarian people, the horrible scenes of Asturia and Catalonia, in the Peninsular war, will unquestionably be re-enacted in Mexico. The late cold-blooded assassination of twenty-five unarmed and peaceable Mexican heads of families, at the haciendas of Guadalupe, has induced the wily and unscrupulous partisan, Canales, to declare the whole population of the Rio Grande valley under martial law, and to summon all capable of bearing arms to strike at once. His proclamation addressed to men smarting under wrongs, outrages, and humiliations, ignorant, half-civilized, and in whose human life has little sanctity. Should they obey it, retaliation will follow; for volunteers from the Mississippi valley and Texas—men of wild and unsettled lives, familiar with brawls and duels and street fights, restrained by no moral or religious considerations—would rush into the giddy port-holes, and oppose to the Mexican lasso and dagger.

TEACHING THE YOUNG IDEA HOW TO SHOOT. A correspondent of the Boston Bee, writing from Waterborough, in this State, under date of June 21, gives the following account of a visit to the "village school." It may be that all he says is true; or it may be that a portion of what he writes would properly come under the head of "fancy articles." If it won't make any particular difference to the writer, we, for one, must beg to be excused from swallowing the yarn.

We can hardly open an exchange paper, except when it has been bringing up a little, or desire to stand off and on, but to do for its readers, but what we find the modest assurance to its patrons that it "intends to reflect the spirit of The Age?" or that it "will copy The Age?" or "keep up with The Age?" or do some other smart or funny or useful thing worthy of "The Age?"

Amid the dearth of "excitement"—which generally prevails in a back-woods town, I thought it would be a good idea to step into the schoolroom and see what the pupils were learning about how to shoot down deer. It is good for me that I made this short visit, for it was a funny place, very. Some fifty or sixty "boys and girls" were perched on benches, some sitting, some standing, others stretching out upon their backs kicking up their heels; others yet with eyes fixed on their books; and others still in divers fixes, positions and attitudes; one balancing himself on one foot, with a brick tied to the other, tears rolling down his cheeks, and sentenced to stand until he could prove to the teacher that he had not been "bad."

Another and less fortunate boy, was sent to stand on one foot, stoop forward and place one finger on a crack in the floor; and this poor little fellow was unfortunate, for while in this "pretty position" an ant crawled up the leg of his trousers, and made an attempt to take a meal of the urchin's thigh. When the little ant set his teeth into the flesh of the younger there was music and dancing for a short time—the boy screamed, and hopped about like a scalded hen, and was soon sent to stand on one foot again, and while he was doing this, the Captain having occasion to go into the forecastle, greatly to his surprise discovered two negro men stowed away therein—this fact he at once communicated to Capt. Skinner, who promised him that if he would bring them until the morning he would carry them back in the steamer, which he accordingly did.

That Capt. Skinner having returned to Richmond, and the schooner having proceeded on to and arrived at Norfolk, Mr. Charles Hill, the agent of the owners of the slaves, came on to Norfolk and lodged a complaint with the Mayor against the parties, who, being arrested, as before stated, the above facts were disclosed, together with the important one that Gore, the cook, who is a white youth of 18 or 19 years of age, was privy to and connived with negroes to make their escape.

The Mayor, however, did not believe the story, and sent the parties to Richmond, and they will accordingly leave this morning in charge of the Sheriff.

The negroes were the property of Mr. Wm. L. Gary, and W. W. Harris.

Norfolk Beacon, 19th. Capt. Probble has been discharged by the Mayor of Richmond. The cook and one of the crew were remanded for further trial before an open court.

GREAT MILCH COW. Hon. H. Ingalls of Meriden is a perfectly responsible gentleman, so that he has a cow ten years old which has a bag that gives four feet eight inches, and hangs down so low that a common pail cannot stand under it. She gives 52 lbs. or 26 quarts of milk per day, which yields cream enough to make 17 1/2 lbs. of butter per week. Such a cow is worth a hundred dollars, and would bring it in the great markets of New York or Massachusetts.

GROUP. A correspondent of the Philadelphia Saturday Courier, says that molasses and salaratus is a remedy for the crop. For a child of five years, a half teaspoonful of salaratus stirred in a tablespoonful of molasses, or sugar, will cure him of the crop.

EXPRESSIVE. William Penn was a good man and the author of many wise sayings. He asserted that passion might not improperly be called the mob of the man which commits a riot upon the reason.

OFFICERS OF FRANKLIN DIVISION, S. T., AUGUSTA.—H. Sewall, W. F. J. L. Heath, W. A. Gorham, R. S. Rev. J. Young, A. R. S. J. A. Richards, F. S. S. Gill, T. Sidney Arnold, C. G. W. Delano, A. C. J. Tibbets, I. S.—M. C. Hatch, O. S.

REAL CORN TIME. Since the rain of last week, we have had summer in all its glory. The Old Sol pours out the caloric, "Ica." He seems determined to make up for lost time. Vegetation goes ahead on the high pressure principle. Indian corn stretches right out

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THE WAR NEWS.

FROM THE BRAZOS.

By the ship Republic, we have advices from the Brazos to the 10th inst. The Republic brought over Col. Doniphan and seven years 15, May 7.

This regiment will be paid off and mustered out of service immediately. We learn that the men are generally in fine health.

We annex a brief account of the action of El Paso, fought by the advance of this regiment with the Indians on the 13th ult. It has been furnished us by an officer of the regiment and may be relied upon.

While Col. Doniphan's column was on its march from El Paso, Gen. Sibley, a small advance party under Capt. Reid, of about 30 rank and file, arrived at El Paso (30 miles above Parros) very early on the morning of the 13th of May.

About 9 A. M., a party of Indians were seen emerging from a gap of the mountains, distant about five miles, and making direct for the ranchos. Our troops went out at full gallop nearly half a mile to meet them.

Within thirty or forty steps of each other, the Indians discharged a few arrows,

when the Americans fired their entire volley of the 13th.

Strawberries and Mile. The following extract of a letter from the superintendent of the New York and Erie Railroad gives some interesting statistics that are curious and surprising:

"The milk train of Tuesday night (22d) took to York \$60,000 worth of strawberries."

These strawberries are intended to contain one pint each, but say that three bushels contain 1 quart, which is quite within bounds.

Then we had 26,667 quarts or 833 bushels. These strawberries will no doubt weigh 65 pounds to the bushel—but say 60—then we had 25 tons of strawberries alone."

The boxes and bushels weigh a much more, so that the freight was at least 50 tons.

By the same train we had 29,000 quarts of milk, which weight a pint a pound 25 bushels, making each 35 tons, making a total of 85 tons of strawberries and milk."

"The milk by half our trains equals 50 tons (50,000 quarts) daily, and including cans, 63 tons."

GARDEN OF VERA CRUZ. We have been informed that the number of rebels in Vera Cruz, since the departure of Gen. Cadwalader, has been reduced to so low a figure as to give rise to some apprehension for the safety of the city, in case of an attack, by anything like the number said to be under Padre Jarula.

There were not more than forty men fit for duty, in the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa, where the Americans fired their entire volley of the 13th.

Immediately the Indians raised the yell and rushed on them, discharging their arrows with astonishing rapidity. Our men were forced to retreat about one hundred yards to load, when they then turned charged and fired, and forced them to retreat.

The Indians then charged, keeping up the contest for two hours with great spirit, our troops gaining inch by inch of the ground by dint of hard fighting, while the Indians held it with much tenacity, and yielding it only with their lives.

The Indians numbered between fifty and sixty, and their superior horsemanship gave them much advantage, notwithstanding which they were forced to fall back before the noble daring of Capt. Reid.

Capt. Reid, who was only assisted by Lts. Gordon, Sprague and Winston, was the only American wounded. He had the satisfaction of driving the Indians entirely off the ground, carrying with them all their wounded, and some dead, yet leaving fifteen on the field.

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NEW YORK, June 27, 8 P. M.

A party left Puebla, for Vera Cruz, under the command of Capt. Bainbridge, and on the route were attacked several times by guerrillas.

They lost five men and one wagon.

The Mexicans were repelled, Capt. Bainbridge's party succeeded in reaching Col. McIntosh's camp.

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NEW YORK, June 24, \$600 in aid of the government.

John W. Baker, a reporter to the survey, with a list recovered.

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The Muse.

(From Horatio's Journal)

IRELAND.

BY FERNANDINE FREILIGHRAH.

The boat is gone—no more fish;

The sea, the sea, of us no longer;

The sons they died yesterday,

And now the father waits with hunger.

Fale Ireland's fish is landlorn's fish;

It gives her costly food and ramen;

A tattered garb, an empty dish;

These are the mournful fisher's payment.

A pastoral sound is on the wind,

With the red rose, the green vine,

A aged peasant stands behind,

And drives them to the sea-port city.

Fale Ireland's lands the landlorn claims—

That food which Daddy's soul desires—

That which would serve his children's frames;

The landlorn's export trade requires.

To him the castle are a boun-

Or joy and luxury never seen;

But to us mere mortals the amount

Which avails for him the horn of plenty.

In Paris and in London town

His gold makes gambling tables glister,

The white Irish poor lie down

And die, like flies in winter bitter.

Hello! hello! the chisel is at work!

Is it a dream? or is it a dream?

The game goes by the earliest steamer!

The landlord is a large encroacher!

God speed the peasant's righteous claim;

He is too feeble for a poacher!

The hands care for the ground,

There is no man's worth surpassed;

Instead of drains, marsh grounds;

Ole Ireland's wild and drear meadows—

He leaves the land a boggy fen;

With woe and useless moan grown over;

The rain, and the scalding plow;

The famished mothers weeping stand,

And bemoan their baby's bony.

The length and breadth of Ireland through;

The west wind which my passion passed

Brought to my ear that wail of sorrow.

Faint as a dying man's last sigh,

Came over the waves, my heart's strings searching,

The cry of woe, the hunger cry,

The death cry of Erin.

Erin she has in American grief.

Fale Ireland's withered leaf

Upon her children, dead and dying.

She kneels beside the seas, the streams,

And by her ancient hills' foundations,—

Her, more than Byron's Rome, beseeches

The tide, "Noble of Nations."

The Story-Teller.

(From the Lady's Book.)

THE LINDLEYS; OR, HABITS AND HAVING.

BY MRS. C. M. KIRKLAND.

There needs a vast deal of kindly philosophy to live in a country where property is intricately subdivided by law, as well as constantly changing hands by the fluctuation of circumstances. We Americans ought to be the most prudent people in the world, but unfortunately we are anything else. Habits and means are continually at war, habits of economy made to seem, and to be, meanness, or changed into the wildest and most selfish extravagance by the acquisition of wealth. Every body aspires to everything, and this limited competition, which is a blessing when it is properly understood, becomes a curse when it is suffered to induce a universal restlessness, making content a thing unknown among us. Ceaseless labor, angry and envious repining, and wasted lives and broken hearts, are the consequence in one class; while almost equally painful effort, pride, selfishness, and hardness of heart, are but too apt to characterize the other. Every day's experience tempts us with the examples of these errors. We will select an instance from the mass.

Many Foster married very young and very well, though her father, a wealthy merchant, was not quite satisfied with the bridegroom's pecuniary condition. He, himself, beginning with nothing, and having been educated in habits of great economy, had acquired a large fortune, and with it the very highest appreciation of the blessing of money. Mr. Lindley was a young lawyer in good practice, belonging to a wealthy family, and sanguine in his anticipations of fame and fortune at the bar. But his income was as yet precarious, and Mr. Foster would have been better pleased, if the marriage had been deferred until something solid had been acquired to begin upon. He was very indulgent, however, and could not bear to see a cloud on Mary's brow; so he gave her a handsome outfit, and the young couple commenced house-keeping, in a style scarcely inferior to that of their parents.

Mr. Foster did not live to realize the half million which was the goal of his ambition, and when his estate came to be settled, and the property divided among a large family and a young second wife, for whom he provided handsomely, the portion of each child was small in comparison with their habits. Lindley began to look a little grave, when he found his wife's fortune so far less than he had anticipated. His father's family were living to the extent of their means, and therefore little likely to have any surplus; and he was talking very seriously of retrenchment, when he himself, in the prime of his days, was stricken with illness, and after lingering a long time, died, leaving Mary, at thirty, a widow with five children.

Retrenchment now began in earnest, although it was far short of what it should have been. Six persons were to be supported in luxury on a moderate income, which there was no present prospect of increasing; and this required all Mrs. Lindley's management and economy. She did what she could, but still struggled to maintain the appearance of style, making all sacrifices but that of show, and every year saw the struggle more and more difficult. A smaller house, fewer servants, less expensive dress, came down to a very small house, one servant, and dress that allowed no fashionable visiting—that is to say—to a style which, if adopted at first, would have saved all anxiety; yet by the time the eldest son was ready to undertake business on his own account, very little capital was forthcoming for him to begin with. He was an excellent young man, however, and the house with which he had been several years as a clerk, received him as a partner on favorable terms, so that here seemed a gleam of sunshine.

Fancy Lindley, the eldest girl, was largely endowed with the "fatal gift of beauty," and although beauty is too common among us to be often the foundation of pecuniary speculation, as we are told it is abroad, she happened to attract the attention of a gentleman, who, coming home very rich from South America, thought he could afford to please his fancy to a wife. He was not very young, nor very handsome, but he had seen something of the world, possessed a good address, and was a most attentive lover;

so we cannot wonder that Fanny, who had felt a thousand times that nothing but money was needed to make her mother's family perfectly happy, was, in time, persuaded to fancy herself in love, too.

We must do Mrs. Lindley the justice to say that she warned her daughter against mistaking her feelings, and laid before her the sin and misery of marrying for money; and if the poor widow did not plead quite easily for the truth as she might have done, if her fireside had been wider, it was weakness, and not wickedness, which induced her to sanction the sacrifice. Fanny was so lovely, and it seemed such a pity that she, who had adorned a palace, should be condemned to a penurious economy, which seemed likely to become more and more strict and painful.

So Fancy Lindley became Fanny Winterfield—or rather, as we ought to say—Mrs. Winterfield, since, with the accession of dignity that she acquired on that occasion, should admonish us to be more respectful. An elegant house, furnished without regard to expense, a carriage or two, plenty of servants, and a wardrobe fit for an ambassador, made no small change in the condition of Mrs. Lindley's eldest daughter, who, beautiful and accomplished as she was, had been accustomed for some years to look at these things only from a distance, with eyes that tried hard not to be envious. No wonder that Fanny became at once the supreme object of attention, admiration, and *glorification* to her family. Mrs. Lindley, especially, was dazzled by this new glimpse of the expensive way of life in which she had been educated.—"Happy Fanny," said she every day.

"Make haste, Anne, and get the breakfast-table out of the way, for Fanny is coming for me this morning to go shopping with her, and we look so poverty-stricken here, after her elegant Dresden set," said Mrs. Lindley, one morning.

"Fancy is accustomed to our old breakfast things, mother," said Anne, who was a quiet, reasonable girl, and not having been brought up with her mother's expensive habits, found it easier to come into her situation.

"Very true, my dear," said Mrs. Lindley, "but contrast is everything, you know. While Fanny saw no other, I dare say these seem very comfortable; now, the case is altered. At any rate there is no need of thrusting these things before her. We ought to try to appear as well as possible, for her sake."

Anne sighed, and occupied herself in making the tiny parlors as smart as their well-worn furniture would allow. Fanny came, all radiant with smiles, and looking so charming in her delicate morning dress, that her mother was ready to fall down and worship her. They spent the whole morning in shops of various descriptions, where thousands of "unconsidered trifles" that go to the perfecting of an elegant establishment were purchased, as well as several pretty articles of dress for Mrs. Lindley and Anne.

"Anne," said Mrs. Winterfield, as she threw a handsome lace peplum over her sister's shoulders, "I want you to look as nice as can be. Mr. Winterfield is going to invite us to a wedding, and I should be mortified to death if you did not appear as well as anybody. We are to have several people from the south, and a great heiress, who I dare say is not half so pretty as you."

So she ran on, but tears came to Anne's eyes. "Was there already such a difference? Had Fanny begun to measure her respectability by such a standard?"

She then thanked Fanny for the pelting, but thought within herself that it would cut but a sorry figure over a faded silk, which was the only dress she could muster for a small party. Mrs. Lindley, in her usual dress of black, always looked lady-like at least.

The evening came, and Fanny received a welcome from her mother and sisters with her usual affection, and her guests with a gentle grace, which delighted her husband. They were very gay people and overpoweringly dressed. Anne began to think that she might have won the heart of a man of taste.

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